NOMINATION FOR AWARD					
AWARD		CATEGORY (If Applicable)		AWARD PERIOD	
Outstanding Public Affairs NCO		Individual		1 Jan - 31 Dec 2001	
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last)	DMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last)		MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU		
TSgt. Robert P. Pullen		4536	AF	FMC	
DAFSC/DUTY TITLE	NOMINEE'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial)				
3N051, NCOIC of Public Affairs	OSN 340-3889 Cmcl (931) 454-3889				
UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL/STREET ADDRESS/BASE/STATE/ZIP CODE					
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RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial)					
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SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)

## **Overall Effectiveness/Job Accomplishment**

- Tremendous part of Arnold Engineering Development Center 50th Anniversary celebration successes! -- Brokered a deal with Charter Communications garnering the air show \$18K in advertising for only \$6K; this package reached all programs on the eight different cable networks in Middle Tennessee
- Worked to extend the base's and the AF's community involvement as far as Chattanooga (75 miles)
- -- Assisted in AFMC vice commander's trip to Chattanooga for annual Armed Forces Day activities -- Provided several media interview opportunities to spread the AF recruiting message to thousands
- Interviewed by several media outlets in the months leading up to the center's 50th Anniversary events
- -- Arnold AFB now has stronger relationships with all these media outlets thanks to Bob's hard work -- He's now a "regular" on many local shows providing Air Force information to Middle Tennessee
- Planned and organized Air Force Reserve Band performance in four communities surrounding AEDC -- The language of music helped solidify AF ties in the region setting the stage for future activities

**Leadership/Organizational Planning Skills** 

- Led the media effort for the Army Golden Knights at the air show; more than 15 reporters flew with the team, and one Nashville TV anchor jumped, providing thousands of dollars in free show publicity -- With poor weather, Bob seized the smallest window of opportunity to get the media jump done
- Worked closely with the Air Force Experience Road Show recruiting team with over 1,000 potential recruits visiting the F-16 simulator; his impact may last 30 years from now with a future CMSAF!
- Single-handedly coordinated AF Thunderbirds visits in the civilian communities to spread goodwill -- The team visited Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Boxwell Boy Scout Reservation and the Nashville Police Athletic League Youth Camp leaving a life-long positive impression on these young people!
  - Bob's leadership went beyond the fences of Arnold AFB; he earned Distinguished Graduate honors at
- the Tyndall AFB Noncommissioned Officer Academy graduating in the top ten percent of his class

## **Judgement/Decisions**

- Earned the complete confidence of his supervisor and the AEDC senior staff; Bob was handpicked to work for the AFMC/CC at the Bristol NASCAR race providing both media and recruiting support
- -- As always, he didn't disappoint, setting up an interview with the Motor Racing Network delivering the Air Force recruiting message to hundreds of thousands around the world listening to NASCAR!
- -- The AFMC commander sent TSgt. Pullen a personal letter of thanks for his efforts at the race
- Found a better way to provide media clips to senior leadership reducing the costs for the PA office
- -- Leaders now get information electronically without the existence of a large file on their computer
- -- Took the initiative to provide the incoming commander with daily local media clips about the base
- -- Result: New commander hit the ground running dealing with local communities and media issues
- Volunteered to take over duties of the Chief of Security and Policy Review during long-term absence
- -- Quickly learned the job ensuring appropriate balance between release of information and protection of critical technology with duties taking on even greater significance in terrorist attack aftermath

## **Communication Skills**

- Wrote the scripts and provided the voice work for the air show television commercials saving the Air Force thousands of dollars in production costs; many thought we hired outside experts for the work
- Always cool in any situation; conducted live interview on WKRN-TV in Nashville reaching excess of 300,000 people--hit every message right on the mark and left a long-lasting positive AF impression!
- Outstanding communicator; spoke to several church and community groups promoting the Air Force
- -- Always the very best positive feedback from each of these groups after Bob spent time with them - Integral part of the planning team that organized and ran the center's change of command ceremony
- -- Selected to be the narrator in addition to other duties and performed flawlessly the day of the event
- Bottom line: TSgt. Bob Pullen is a top-notch NCO leading the Public Affairs charge to show the American public the valuable contributions that the AF and AEDC make to the defense of our nation!

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